

## PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
(Case No. 01-057)

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In the Application of: )  
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Chevalier )  
) Examiner: TBA  
Serial No.: US National Phase of PCT/FR99/01871 )  
) Group Art Unit: TBA  
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For: Trimer of HIV env )  
Gene Expression Product )

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Asst. Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Please consider the following amendments and remarks before examination on the merits.

**AMENDMENTS****In the specification:**

At page 17, line 22, please delete "(publication?)".

**In the claims:**

*Please cancel claims 1-10 and add the following new claims:*

11. (New) A composition comprising a purified trimer of a naturally-occurring or recombinant HIV gp160, wherein the trimer:
- a) binds to CD4;
  - b) binds to an anti-gp120 antibody capable of neutralizing HIV infection of cells *in vitro*;